

**Preliminary Amendment of U.S. National Stage for International
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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-9 (cancelled).

Claim 10 (new): A composition comprising an alk(en)yl oligoglycoside betaine esterquat corresponding to formula I:



wherein R¹ is an alk(en)yl group having from about 4 to about 22 carbon atoms, G is a sugar unit containing 5 or 6 carbon atoms and n is a number from 1 to about 10, R² is H or a CH₃ group, R³ is H or a linear and/or branched alk(en)yl group having from 1 to about 6 carbon atoms, R⁴, R⁵ and R⁶, independently of one another, represent a linear and/or branched alk(en)yl group having from 1 to about 24 carbon atoms or a linear and/or branched hydroxyalk(en)yl group having from 1 to about 24 carbon atoms.

Claim 11 (new): The composition of claim 10 wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside betaine is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.01 to 60% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 12 (new): The composition of claim 10 wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside betaine is present in the composition in an amount of from about 0.05 to 30% by weight, based on the weight of the composition.

Claim 13 (new): The composition of claim 10 wherein the alk(en)yl oligoglycoside betaine is present in the composition in an amount of from about